

FURBEARERS

The following animals are classified as furbearers: beaver, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, river otter, red fox, raccoon and skunk.

2004-2005 SEASON

The trapping season will open STATEWIDE on November 20, 2004, and will close March 31, 2005.

Trapping season on management areas (See management areas.)

LICENSES REQUIRED

Trapper: No person shall set or run traps of any type to catch furbearers during the open trapping season without a current trapping license. No person shall sell pelts or carcasses of furbearers without a current trapping license. (This includes bobcat, raccoon and/or opossum hunters selling pelts and/or meat.) Every fur trapper must at all times have his current trapping license in possession while trapping or selling pelts or carcasses.

Fur Buyer: No person shall buy whole nongame quadrupeds for the purpose of pelting, carcasses of furbearing animals, raw furs or skins from fur trappers, alligator hunters, alligator farmers, fur buyers or fur dealers and sell within the state without a current fur buyer's license in his possession while conducting business.

Fur Dealer: No person shall buy whole nongame quadrupeds for the purpose of pelting, carcasses of furbearing animals, raw furs or skins from fur trappers, alligator hunters, alligator farmers, fur buyers or fur dealers and ship or export these furs or skins from the state without a current fur dealer's license in his possession while conducting business.

LICENSES

Trapper: Resident: under 15 yrs. of age.....\$5 15 yrs. of age or older\$25 Non-Resident.....\$200 Fur Buyer: Resident.....\$25 Non-Resident.....\$100 Fur Dealer: Resident (\$500 deposit required)\$150 Non-Resident (\$1,000 deposit required).....\$300 Non-game Quadruped: Breeder.....\$25 Exhibitor.....\$10

CAPTIVE FURBEARERS

Licensed trappers may hold in captivity live furbearers during the open trapping season. Such animals must have been obtained by legal trapping methods. Such animals must be released or pelted by the last day of the open trapping season.

For detailed information on furbearer regulations and trapping, contact a local enforcement agent or one of the Fur and Refuge Division offices.

- LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries P.O. Box 98000 - Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 (225/765-2811)
- LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 1600 Canal Street - New Orleans, LA 70112 (504/568-5885)
- LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 2415 Darnall Rd. - New Iberia, LA 70560 (337/373-0032)

Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge 5476 Grand Chenier Hwy. - Grand Chenier, LA 70643 (337/538-2165)

METHODS OF TAKING FURBEARERS

All animals listed as furbearers may be taken only during the open trapping season and only by means of a trap or snare. Nutria may also be taken by licensed trapper for fur and/or meat during the open season by the use of a rifle, only between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

Nutria may be taken recreationally Sept. 1 - Feb. 28 during legal shooting hours by any method with no limit, including WMAs. Pelting or selling of carcasses is illegal EXCEPT when taken by a licensed trapper during the trapping season.

No trap, snare or other device used to capture furbearers shall be set more than one day prior to the open trapping season. No traps shall remain set after the closing day of the trapping season. All traps must be checked daily and all traps must be removed from the trapping grounds the closing day of the trapping season.

Any type of trap with permanent teeth or insert teeth is illegal and cannot be used in Louisiana.

Furbearers can be taken only with traps. Firearms are illegal except as provided for to take nutria, coyote, bobcat, raccoon and opossum, which may be taken with firearms as per provisions below.

The use of dogs to chase or take furbearers is illegal except as provided for when hunting raccoon, opossum, coyote, foxes and bobcats. Dogs may be used during the taking of nutria between the hours of sunrise and sunset, except during deer season where still hunting only is allowed and during turkey nesting season as determined by the Commission.

Pelting: No pelting during the closed trapping season shall be permitted at any time, except with department authorization. The sale of carcasses of nongame quadrupeds is prohibited during the closed trapping season, except with department authorization. These provisions do not apply to nongame quadrupeds raised on farms.

FOX, BOBCAT AND COYOTE

Foxes and bobcats may be run with dogs for “chase only” by licensed hunters. Foxes can be taken only by trappers during the open trapping season. Bobcats can be taken by any legal means during the open deer season. The bobcat season limit shall be one.Bobcats cannot be pelted or sold without a trapping license. Holders of hunting licenses may take coyotes year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only during still hunting segments of the firearm season for deer.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM HUNTING NO CLOSED SEASON

Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire rifle. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt or sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapper's license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license.

BOBCAT AND RIVER OTTER TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

To obtain federal approval to export bobcat and river otter outside the United States, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is required to ensure that only Louisiana trapped river otter and bobcat are tagged with Louisiana export tags. To accomplish this, a special possession tag will be made available to fur buyers, fur dealers and trappers.

A blue tag for river otter and a red tag for bobcat must be filled out by the trapper at the time the pelt is first sold. The information required includes trapper name, trapper license number, parish caught in and date trapped. No bobcat or river otter pelts shall be purchased from a trapper or be in the possession of a fur buyer or dealer without a possession tag until they are submitted to the department in exchange for export tags. Dealers shall not purchase bobcat or river otter pelts without an accompanying possession tag.

No bobcat or river otter pelt shall be shipped from the state without an export tag attached. Dealers will obtain export tags for bobcat and river otter by providing the department with one completed possession tag for each pelt to be shipped from the state. It shall be illegal to falsify possession tags or attach Louisiana export tags to out-of-state bobcat or river otter pelts. Once possession tags have been received and counted by department personnel, export tags will be mailed immediately. Trappers shipping bobcat or river otter out of state must provide completed possession tags to the department in order to receive export tags.

SHIPMENT OF RAW FURS OR ALLIGATOR SKINS

No fur trapper, alligator hunter, or fur dealer shall transport or ship raw furs or alligator skins out of the state without first obtaining an official out-of-state shipping tag from the department.

No fur buyer may transport or ship raw fur or skins out of the state except to a licensed non-resident fur dealer.

Severance Tax: There is levied a severance tax on all skins or hides taken from any furbearing animals or alligators, within the state, payable to the state through the department by the fur trapper, alligator hunter, or alligator farmer shipping or taking his own catch out-of-state or by the dealer shipping skins or hides out-of-state or tanning fur pelts or alligator skins in the state. A fur trapper, alligator hunter, or alligator farmer must pay this tax at the time the fur or skin is transported or shipped out-of-state. A fur dealer shipping or transporting fur pelts out-of-state or tanning fur pelts within the state must pay this tax within ten days following the department's annual audit. A fur dealer shipping or transporting alligator skins out-of-state or tanning alligator skins within the state must pay the severance tax at the time of shipment or prior to tanning.

The tax is as follows: beaver, bobcat, coyote, fox, muskrat, opossum, raccoon and skunk, one cent (.01) on each pelt; mink, ten cents (.10) on each pelt; nutria, two cents (.02) on each pelt; river otter and alligator, twenty-five cents (.25) on each pelt or skin.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Trapping: Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at regional offices when required. Self-clearing permit for trapping on the WMA is required. Other special trapping exceptions are listed under respective WMA season schedules. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the regional office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trap-

ping privileges on WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at regional offices. Hunter orange is required when a deer gun season is in progress.

Raccoon Hunting (Experimental): Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the regional office for WMAs where permits are required. Self-clearing permit for raccoon hunting on the WMA is required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. Permits, when required, may be obtained at regional offices only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

Requests for information on maps, permits and WMAs may be directed to any regional office or Fur & Refuge Division office:

Region 1	1401 Talton St., Minden, LA 71055	318/371-3050
Region 2	368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, LA 71203	318/343-4044
Region 3	1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360	318/487-5885
Region 4	P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, LA 71334	318/757-4571
Region 5	1213 N. Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601	337/491-2575
Region 6	5652 Hwy. 182, Opelousas, LA 70570	337/948-0255
Region 7	P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898	225/765-2360
New Orleans Fur & Refuge		504/568-5885
New Iberia Fur & Refuge		337/373-0032
Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge		337/538-2276

TRAPPING SCHEDULE ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND REFUGES

1. ACADIANA CONSERVATION CORRIDOR (Owner: LDWF — 2,285 acres) Trapping: Closed Raccoon: Closed
2. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner: La. Office of Forestry — 7,875 acres) Trapping: Same as outside. Permit from Tioga Regional Office required.
3. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner: State of La. — 137,695 acres) Trapping: Same as outside; only by written agreement with LDWF, 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560.
4. ATTAKAPAS (Owner: State of La.— 25,730 acres) Trapping: Same as outside.
5. BAYOU MACON (Owner: LDWF — 6,919 acres) Trapping: Same as outside. Raccoon: Jan. 8-23 (nighttime).
6. BAYOU PIERRE (Owner: LDWF — 2,212 acres) Trapping: Same as outside, EXCEPT waterfowl refuge closed to trapping.
7. BEN'S CREEK (Owner: Cavenham Forest Industries Inc. — 13,044 acres) Trapping: Same as outside. Raccoon: Jan. 8-23 (nighttime). Permit required from WMA supervisor.
8. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Owner: LDWF — 899 acres) Trapping: Closed
9. BIG LAKE (Owner: LDWF — 19,231 acres) Trapping: Nov. 29-Jan. 7. Raccoon: Jan. 17-31 (nighttime).
10. BILOXI (Owner: Biloxi Marsh Land Corp. — 42,787 acres) Trapping: Same as outside. Private.

LOUISIANA
Trapping Regulations
2004-2005



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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11. **BODCAU** (Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — 34,355 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 3-Feb. 6 (nighttime).
12. **BOEUF** (Owner: LDWF — 50,967 acres)
Trapping: Nov. 29-Jan. 7.
Raccoon: Jan. 8-23 (nighttime).
13. **BOISE-VERNON** (Owner: Boise Paper — 55,672 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 8-Feb. 6 (nighttime). Permit required from Lake Charles Regional Office.
14. **BUCKHORN** (Owner: LDWF — 11,262 acres)
Trapping: Nov. 29-Jan. 7.
Raccoon: Jan. 17-31 (nighttime).
15. **CAMP BEAUREGARD** (Owner: La. National Guard — 12,500 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside. Daily military clearance required.
16. **DEWEY W. WILLS** (Owner: LDWF — 61,871 acres)
Trapping: Dec.1-23,all types of traps; Feb. 1-28 water sets only. Trapping prohibited in green tree reservoir and restricted area.
Raccoon: (nighttime) Jan.17-31 and (nighttime chase only) May 1-Sept. 26 on Tuesday and Thursday only.
17. **ELM HALL** (Owner: LDWF — 2,839 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
18. **FORT POLK** (Owners: U.S. Army & U.S. Forest Service — 105,545 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside. Trappers must register at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, and use self-clearing system.
19. **GRASSY LAKE** (Owner: LDWF — 12,983 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
20. **JACKSON-BIENVILLE** (Owners: Weyerhaeuser et al — 32,185 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan.3-Feb. 6 (nighttime).
21. **JOYCE** (Owner: LDWF — 15,059 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
22. **LAKE BOEUF** (Owner: LDWF — 802 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside; only by written agreement with LDWF, 2415 Darnall Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560.
23. **LAKE RAMSEY** (Owner: LDWF — 796 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to parish roads.
24. **LITTLE RIVER** (Owner: LDWF — 4,727 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 8-23 (nighttime) and (nighttime chase only) May 1-Sept. 26 on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.
25. **LOGGY BAYOU** (Owner: LDWF — 4,243 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan.3-Feb. 6 (nighttime).
26. **MANCHAC** (Owner: LDWF — 8,328 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
27. **MARSH ISLAND REFUGE** (Owner: LDWF — 70,733 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside; only by written agreement with LDWF, 2415 Darnall Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560.

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28. **MAUREPAS SWAMP** (Owner: LDWF — 61,950 acres)
Trapping: same as outside.
29. **OUACHITA** (Owner: LDWF — 9,641 acres)
Trapping: Jan. 1-Feb. 28.
Raccoon: Sept. 27-Oct. 10, Oct. 23-Nov. 14, Jan. 15-30 (nighttime).
30. **PASS-A-LOUTRE** (Owner: LDWF — 115,596 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside, only by written agreement with LDWF, 2415 Darnall Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560
31. **PEARL RIVER** (Owner: LDWF — 35,031 acres)
Trapping: Nov. 29-Feb. 13
Raccoon: Oct. 2-17, Jan. 10-23 (nighttime).
32. **PEASON RIDGE** (Owner: U.S. Army — 33,010 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside. Trappers must register at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, and use self-clearing system.
33. **POINTE-AUX-CHENES** (Owner: LDWF — 35,267 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside, only by written agreement with LDWF, 2415 Darnall Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560.
34. **POMME DE TERRE** (Owner: LDWF — 6,434 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
35. **RED RIVER** (Owners: LDWF — 29,964 acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — 11,717 acres)
Trapping: Nov. 29-Jan. 7.
36. **ROCKEFELLER REFUGE** (Owner: LDWF — 85,745 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside; only by written agreement with LDWF, 5476 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, LA 70643.
37. **RUSSELL SAGE** (Owner: LDWF — 16,835 acres)
Trapping: Jan. 1-Feb. 28.
Raccoon: Sept. 27-Oct. 10, Oct. 23-Nov.14, Jan. 15-30 (nighttime).
38. **SABINE** (Owners: International Paper Co., Boise Paper, et al — 13,706 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 8-23 (nighttime).
39. **SABINE ISLAND** (Owners: State of La. & Calcasieu Parish School Board — 8,695 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 8-23 (nighttime). Permit required from Lake Charles Regional Office.
40. **SALVADOR/TIMKEN** (Owners: LDWF — 33,047 acres; Orleans City Park Improvement Assn. — 3,920 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside; only by written agreement with LDWF, 2415 Darnall Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560.
41. **SANDY HOLLOW** (Owners: LDWF — 3,515 acres; Tangipahoa Parish School Board — 181 acres)
Trapping: Closed.
42. **SHERBURNE** (Owners: LDWF — 11,780 acres; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service — 15,220 acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — 14,000 acres)
No commercial activity on Atchafalaya NWR except trapping.
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 17-25 (nighttime). Permit from WMA headquarters or Opelousas Regional Office required.

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43. **SICILY ISLAND HILLS** (Owner: LDWF — 7,504 acres)
Trapping: Nov. 29-Jan. 7.
44. **SODA LAKE** (Owner: Caddo Levee District — 1,300 acres; US Army Corps of Engineers - 1,200 acres)
Trapping: Closed.
45. **SPRING BAYOU** (Owner: LDWF — 12,506 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
46. **STATE WILDLIFE REFUGE** (Owner: LDWF — 14,804 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside; only by written agreement with LDWF, 2415 Darnall Rd., New Iberia, LA 70560
47. **TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** (Owner: Tangipahoa Parish School Board — 1,643 acres)
Trapping: Closed
Raccoon: Jan. 24-Feb. 28.
48. **THISTLETHWAITE** (Owner: Thistlethwaite Heirs — 11,100 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside. No trapping in restricted areas — see WMA map.
49. **THREE RIVERS** (Owners: LDWF — 28,124 acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — 1,085 acres; Office of State Lands - 835 acres)
Trapping: Nov. 29-Jan. 7.
Raccoon: Jan. 17-30 (nighttime).
50. **TUNICA HILLS** (Owner: LDWF — 5,783 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
51. **UNION** (Owners: Plum Creek Timber Corp., La. Department of Corrections, et al — 11,193 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 8-28 (nighttime).
52. **WEST BAY** (Owners: Boise Paper, ROM Forest Management — 60,000 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside.
Raccoon: Jan. 8-Feb. 6 (nighttime). Permit required from Lake Charles Regional Office.
- 52.**WISNER** (Owner: Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee — 16,837 acres)
Trapping: Same as outside. Private.

COASTWIDE NUTRIA CONTROL PROGRAM

For information on this program, contact Jeffrey Marx at (337)373-0032, 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560

TRAPPERS, ALLIGATOR & RACCOON HUNTERS

When you purchase a \$25 trapping or alligator hunting license, you are investing in your future and the future of the Louisiana fur and alligator industry. Twenty dollars from every trapping and alligator hunting license is dedicated to a special fund. This fund is being used to achieve two major goals:

- I. To provide for PUBLIC EDUCATION concerning the role of trapping and hunting in wildlife management.
- II. To develop FUR AND ALLIGATOR MARKET STABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT through promotion and advertisement.

An 11-person council made up of trappers, alligator hunters and farmers, and land managers meets monthly with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to ensure the wise use of these funds.

The Fur and Alligator Advisory Council works to improve the future for fur and alligator resources, trappers, alligator hunters and farmers and the industry. For more information contact the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Advisory Council, 2415 Darnall Road, New Iberia, LA 70560.

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